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In re Patent Application of:

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For: LOW THERMAL MASS HEATED FUSER

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002 (Paper No. 4), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

The Abstract

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

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A fuser assembly with a roller having a heat absorptive outer layer on an inner core of a thermally isolating material and a radiant heating element positioned adjacent and external to the outer layer of a roller.

In the Claims

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1), applicant sets forth amendment to claims 4, 5, 9, 19, and 20 by rewriting such claims with all changes. New claim 21 had been added. Also, applicant includes below all pending claims, whether amended or unchanged, for the convenience of the Examiner.

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